



COD Processing Update

September 16, 2005

Direct Loan

COD News

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Extended Direct Loan Electronic MPN Web Site Outage For Sunday, September 18, 2005 (09/14/05)

As a reminder, the Direct Loan Electronic Master Promissory Note (MPN) Web site is unavailable every Sunday morning from 5:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. (ET) while routine maintenance is performed. During this period, borrowers are not able to complete new MPNs electronically or retrieve existing MPNs that were completed electronically.

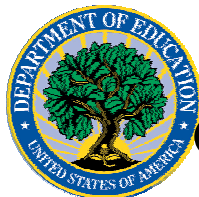
Due to COD System routine maintenance on Sunday, September 18, 2005, the Direct Loan Electronic MPN Web site will be unavailable for an extended period of time from 2:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. (ET). As previously noted, borrowers will not be able to complete or retrieve MPNs during this extended period.

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NEW!

Program File Available For EDEExpress For Windows 2005-2006, Release 2.0 To Address Issue with Missing MPN Information In COD PLUS Response Files (09/16/05)

CPS/SAIG Technical Support has posted a program file to the Department's Federal Student Aid Download (FSAdownload) Web site (located at <http://fsadownload.ed.gov/>) to address an issue affecting the Direct Loan module of EDEExpress for Windows 2005-2006, Release 2.0. Some COD Response files (message class CRAA06OP) currently being sent to users may be missing complete Master Promissory Note (MPN) Status/Linking Indicator information for certain individual Direct PLUS Loan records. During the import of these Response files into EDEExpress for Windows 2005-2006, Release 2.0, some PLUS records in EDEExpress are updated with an incorrect MPN Status.



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COD has identified the cause of this issue and will soon install a code fix for remedy. In the interim, to ensure EDEExpress users eliminate the risk of importing incomplete MPN status data and inaccurately updating the MPN status, we encourage EDEExpress users to implement the steps described under “Resolution” in the message that has been sent to schools’ SAIG mailboxes and is posted on the IFAP Web site at <http://www.ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/0915EDEExpress0506DLL.html>. Please refer to the message for additional information.

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San Diego Electronic Access Conference Hotel (09/16/05)

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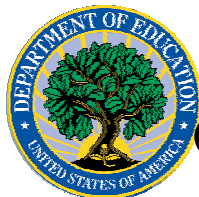
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- Step 1: From the Welcome to Common Origination & Disbursement Web Site screen, click on the User tab on the blue bar at the top of the screen. The User Search screen displays.
- Step 2: Enter the search criteria for the user and click on the submit button at the bottom of the User Search screen. The Search Results screen displays and lists users that match the search criteria.
- Step 3: On the Search Results screen, select the name of the user that needs to be unlocked. The User Information screen displays.
- Step 4: Click on the Modify button at the bottom of the User Information screen. The Update User Profile screen displays.
- Step 5: The Locked Out box on the Update User Profile screen contains a checkmark. Click on the Locked Out box to remove the checkmark.
- Step 6: If a new temporary password is not needed, skip this item and go to Step 7. If a new temporary password is needed, enter the new temporary password in the New Password field. Then re-enter the new password in the Re-enter New Password field to confirm. The user will need to change this password to one of his or her choosing.



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Reports and Data Requests

NOTICES

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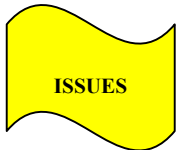
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up, COD will send the report to your school via e-mail. In order for your request to be processed successfully, please include “Report Request” in the subject line of your e-mail and the following information in the body of your e-mail:

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- School ID
- E-mail Address
- Report Name
- Award Year
- Report Date
- Program (Pell Grant or Direct Loan)

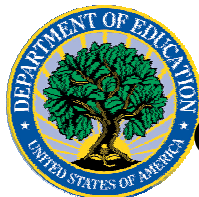
Note: For Funded Disbursement List requests, please include the Batch ID and dollar amount associated with the report.



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- Direct Loan Rebuild File—

Schools in need of this file should contact the COD School Relations Center.
[08/25/04 (Updated 07/12/05)]



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Pell Grants

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Pell Grant Year-To-Date Record [12/01/04 (Updated 07/14/05)]

The Pell Grant Year-to-Date (YTD) record (PGYRxxOP) can be used to assist a school with its year-end and ongoing reconciliation processes. Due to a COD System issue that continues to affect the Pell Grant YTD record and that has taken longer than expected to resolve, we continue to caution schools not to use the YTD record for rebuilding a complete student record or Pell database until the issue is resolved.

The issue is as follows:

In some cases, when we process more than one disbursement transaction for the same disbursement number on the same day, the individual transactions **are currently not**



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reflected in the YTD record and on the COD Web site. Instead, one combined disbursement transaction is reflected with the correct disbursement amount, the correct disbursement date, and the highest disbursement sequence number.

Note: If a school encounters difficulty processing further disbursement activity through its software for a disbursement affected by this issue, the activity can be performed on the COD Web site.

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- E-mail Address
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- Program (Pell Grant or Direct Loan)

Note: For Funded Disbursement List requests, please include the Batch ID and dollar amount associated with the report.

Keep in mind that the delay in generating COD Web site reports does not impact your ability to submit data requests via the COD Web site's Pell Data Requests screen.



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- Pell Year-to-Date (YTD) Records— For all award years, are being sent to schools' SAIG mailboxes (Message Class PGYRxxOP). The YTD record can be used to assist a school with its year-end and ongoing reconciliation processes. Until resolution of a current COD System issue affecting the YTD record, we caution a school not to use the current YTD record for rebuilding a complete student record or Pell database. See the "Pell Grant Year-To-Date Record" item in the COD News section of this document for an explanation of the issue. [10/05/04 (Updated 02/09/05)]

Resolved Issues In Clean Up

COD has implemented code fixes for the issues listed below and is cleaning up the affected records. After a clean up has been completed, its status will be updated and it will remain in this section for an additional 7 calendar days.

<u>Issue</u>	<u>In Progress</u>	<u>Completed</u>
Pell Grant Information Not Updated In NSLDS	√	